

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 C.F.R. 1.9(f) AND 1.27(b)) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I hereby declare that I am official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION Vlaams Interuniversitair Instituut Voor Biotechnologie  
ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION Rijvisschestraat 120, B-9052 Zwijnaarde, BELGIUM

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

- UNIVERSITY OR OTHER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
 WOULD QUALIFY AS TAX EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE (26 USC 501(a) and 501(c)(3) IF LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code with regard to the invention entitled NEW IMMUNOPROTECTIVE INFLUENZA ANTIGEN AND ITS USE IN VACCINATION by inventors Sabine Neirynck, Willy Min Jou, and Walter Fiers described in:

- The specification filed herewith.  
 Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization with regard to the above identified invention.

If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or by any concern that would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e). \*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 C.F.R. 1.27)

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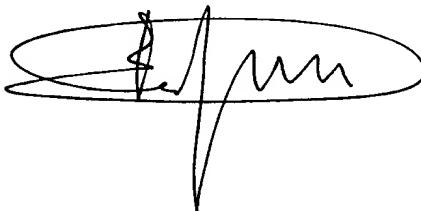
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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Rudy Dekeyser  
TITLE IN ORGANIZATION Vice General Director  
ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING Rijvisschestraat 120 B-9052 Zwijnaarde

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY Belgium DATE \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in an oval. The signature appears to read "Rudy Dekeyser".

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